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Met Opera opener faces storm of protests

A protester holds up a sign outside of the Metropolitan Opera on opening night. / GETTY IMAGES

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Brooklyn

Toddler's death ruled homicide

The New York City Medical Examiner has ruled the death of a Brooklyn toddler a homicide.

Jeida Torres, 3, was found bruised and unresponsive Saturday afternoon in the Bushwick apartment where she lived, which

is a homeless shelter. Torres' stepfather, Kelsey Shawn Smith, 20, was arrested Sunday on charges of felony assault.

An autopsy found that blunt injuries to the head and torso killed the child.

Additional charges are expected to be filed. **METRO**

Manhattan

City calls on New Yorkers to volunteer

The city is asking New Yorkers to be a little more selfless.

The mayor's office launched a campaign on Monday aimed at encouraging New Yorkers to volunteer.



Volunteering / GETTY IMAGES

The tagline "Volunteering. Good for you. Good for your city," will run in 1,000 subway cars and 75 bus shelters. According to the mayor's office, about 18 percent of New Yorkers are volunteers. The city is hoping to raise that number to 50 percent.

Volunteer opportunities can be found online at NYC.gov/service. **METRO**

Protesters say new Met Opera is anti-Semitic

Lincoln Center. A former mayor and governor were among hundreds that protested on opening night.

Protesters, including former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Gov. George Pataki, gathered outside of the Metropolitan Opera on Monday to protest the opening of "The Death of Klinghoffer."

The opera, which is written by John Adams and was first performed in 1991, is viewed as anti-Semitic by the protesters, many of whom believe the performance depicts terrorism, not art. The opera is about the 1985 hijacking of a cruise ship by Palestinian terrorists and the killing of Jewish passenger Leon Klinghoffer.

Among the hundreds of

Freedom of speech

During a press conference on Monday afternoon, Mayor Bill de Blasio said that former Mayor Rudy Giuliani has a "history of challenging cultural institutions when he disagreed with their content."

- "I don't think that's the American way. I think the American way is to respect freedom of speech, simple as that," de Blasio said at the press event.



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Protesters stand outside of the Metropolitan Opera before the opening night of the new show. / BESS ADLER, METRO

demonstrators, many sat in wheelchairs as a form of protest. Klinghoffer was 69 and wheelchair-bound when he was shot and thrown overboard.

"We're here because we feel this play desecrates the memory of Leon Klinghoffer. We're troubled by the play," said Rabbi Ari Hart, 32, from the Bronx.

On Monday afternoon, protesters chanted "Shame on the Met" and brandished signs that read "Met Opera glorifies terrorism."

"It's a form of hate that's being represented," said 28-year-old Ana Izquierdo.

There are eight performances of the show until Nov. 15, and the Met said "The Death of Klinghoffer" has been "presented without incident" at the Juilliard School, in St. Louis and in California.



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City hosts Ebola training session



Bellevue is one of eight hospitals in the city that can treat Ebola patients. **GETTY IMAGES**

New York City continued preparing for the possibility of an Ebola outbreak on Monday.

Representatives from about 150 unions met with city officials to discuss how public workers might respond if an Ebola case is confirmed in New York. There have been numerous scares, but no confirmed cases in the city.

The idea of the training was to give workers who

deal with the public practical knowledge on the virus and to debunk rumors, such as the misconception Ebola can be transmitted by sneezing.

The Department of Hygiene and Mental Health said Monday that it has received 155 calls from health care providers on patients with potential Ebola cases. Of the 155 patients, 136 had not been to an Ebola-affected area or

Stay informed

"I think the attitude has been we have to keep learning, we have to keep consulting with people all over the country, all over the world." Bill de Blasio

exposed to someone who had. Three of the other cases are pending.

On Monday, Mayor Bill de Blasio spoke at a infectious disease panel

and said communication is key when talking about Ebola, as is not "resting on laurels when it comes to our approach."

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Manhattan

NYPD nabs alleged serial bank robber

Police have arrested a Brooklyn man they say is responsible for multiple bank robberies this month.

Dennis Nemirovskiy, 27, was arrested Friday on five charges of robbery, as well as criminal possession of stolen property.

The NYPD released video of Nemirovskiy earlier this month after he allegedly robbed two East Village banks on Oct. 4.

On Friday, police said Nemirovskiy entered a TD Bank at 885 Sixth Ave. and passed a bank teller a note demanding money.

The teller handed Nemirovskiy \$190 in bills. The packet contained a dye pack that exploded when



The suspect / NYPD

he left the bank.

Half an hour later, police said Nemirovskiy demanded money at an Investors Bank branch at 267 Fifth Ave. He collected \$1,870 in cash and fled. Officers intervened when Nemirovskiy got out of the cab at Bellevue Hospital.

Nemirovskiy collected \$7,400 during the four robberies, according to the police. **METRO**

New York. Plan to overhaul old airports takes step forward

A long-awaited overhaul of LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy International airports moved a step closer to reality on Monday when the state and federal governments touted a sweeping plan to make over two of the busiest U.S. travel hubs.

The initiative, announced by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and Vice President Joe Biden, envisions state-of-the-art facility upgrades, improved transportation links and more efficient air-traffic control technology at the two aging airports.

"The front doors for business and tourism are the airports," Cuomo said at an aeronautics school in Queens.

The plan is still short of specifics, with neither a final price tag nor completion dates that have been revealed.

Both will depend on master-plan designs to be selected after competitions that will begin in 30 days, the governor said.

At LaGuardia, which

Big money

The airports, which are operated by the Port Authority, served 77 million passengers and generated \$53 billion in economic activity last year, said the state.

- The airport initiative is part of a \$17 billion strategy announced in January to revamp New York's infrastructure.

Biden once described as fit for a "third-world country," a redesign could include a new airport layout, and a high-speed ferry and rail service.

"From LaGuardia to Manhattan by water can only be a couple of miles," Cuomo said. "How can you not use that access route better and faster?"

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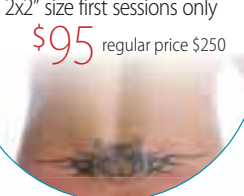
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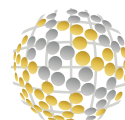
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Bio

**Samantha
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map out a meal plan. My other job is as a contractor with the Department of Health. I teach cooking and nutrition classes in lower-income neighborhoods.

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Do you do any other things for money?

Yes. I'm a personal assistant to a meditation teacher. He was actually my meditation teacher when I was 16. I also make my own deodorant, which I sell at an acupuncture store in Jackson Heights and out of my apartment.

Manhattan. Man hired to assist suicide is sentenced to 12 years

A man convicted of helping a debt-ridden motivational speaker commit suicide was sentenced to 12 years in prison on Monday, prosecutors said.

Kenneth Minor, 42, pleaded guilty to manslaughter last month in the stabbing death of Jeffrey Locker in 2009, a spokeswoman with the Manhattan District Attor-

ney's office said.

Locker, a 52-year-old motivational speaker, hired Minor to help him kill himself and make it look like a robbery so his family could collect life insurance, prosecutors said.

Minor claimed he held a knife steady against a steering wheel in a car while Locker thrust himself onto the blade. **REUTERS**



Kenneth Minor / REUTERS

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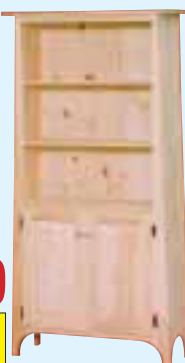
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'Czar' to reverse US Ebola errors, step up response

New role. Some critics have said the naming of a "czar" would add another layer of bureaucracy to a response.

U.S. Ebola response coordinator Ron Klain faces a long to-do list when he begins his new role: soothe Americans' jitters about the virus, fix federal coordination with states and restore a sense of control over the crisis that the White House had lost.

Klain, a former senior aide in two Democratic administrations who is known for his keen political antenna, must also smooth over tensions with lawmakers who are angry about the missteps and mixed messages.

Klain has been dismissed as a political operative by Republicans because he lacks a medical background.

But administration officials and his associates describe him as a problem solver who understands the levers of government and can ensure smoother coordination among an array of agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration.

"(Klain) can have eyes over CDC to make sure



Klain does not start his job officially until Wednesday. / REUTERS

No stranger

75

Klain has remained a familiar presence at the White House, making roughly 75 visits there between January 2011, when he stepped down as Biden's top aide, and June 2014, according to visitor logs.

they are aggressive," said Neera Tanden, a former White House official who now leads the Center for American Progress.

"They now have SWAT teams going to all locations with Ebola patients, but clearly that is something they should have been doing earlier," she said.

Thad Allen, the former Coast Guard chief who served in a similar role leading the administration's response to the 2010 Gulf oil spill, said it helps to have one person who can explain how all the pieces are working together during a crisis.

"Many times in these complex responses you have to combine resources across agencies, work across boundaries," Allen said in an interview.

Klain, who has a reputation as a "fixer" for top Democrats, has served as chief of staff to both Vice President Joe Biden and former Vice President Al Gore. REUTERS

No symptoms

Ebola fear ends for dozens on US watch lists

Weeks of worry about Ebola infection ended on Monday for several dozen people who came off watch lists in the United States, but more than 260 others were still being monitored for symptoms as the U.S. government ramped up its response to the virus.

In Texas, 43 people who had contact with Liberian



THE FOUR PEOPLE WHO SHARED AN APARTMENT WITH ERIC DUNCAN WERE CLEARED.

GETTY IMAGES

Thomas Eric Duncan were cleared of twice-daily monitoring after showing no symptoms during a 21-day incubation period.

The Texas health department said 120 people in Texas were still being monitored.

"There's zero risk that any of those people who have been marked off the list have Ebola. They were in contact with a person who had Ebola and the time period for them to get Ebola has lapsed. It is over. They do not have Ebola," Judge Clay Jenkins, the top elected official in Dallas County, said at a news conference. REUTERS



Elena Teyer, whose son-in-law was killed by the FBI, spoke against the justice system outside of a hearing for accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on Monday. / MORGAN ROUSSEAU, METRO

Supporters of Boston bombing suspect get vocal

Court. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev advocates appeared outside a hearing Monday.

A small but vocal gaggle of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev supporters gathered at a federal courthouse in Boston on Monday to show their devotion to the accused Marathon bomber as attorneys in the case held a brief status hearing ahead of his January trial.

Elena Teyer, the mother-in-law of Tsarnaev acquaintance Ibragim

Todashev, was one of six women outside the courthouse speaking out against the justice system. Todashev, 27, was killed by federal agents in Florida in May 2013.

"We are all here for justice," said Teyer, pointing to photographs of her son-in-law's dead body and explaining what she believes to be holes in law enforcement's account of Tsarnaev's death.

Tsarnaev's other supporters also held signs, and one wore a T-shirt with an image of the accused terrorist's face.

"I believe the boys

Quoted

"This is his autopsy, this is all explanation. ... They came from Boston to kill my son-in-law. I know that for sure." Teyer

have been set up," said Arina Mondtag, adding that the explosions may have been the result of a gas leak or an inside job with "a bunch of crisis actors brought in."



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National security

Saudi inmate to stay at GITMO

A Saudi inmate with links to al Qaeda will remain at the Guantanamo Bay prison, and a second Saudi man has been cleared for transfer home, a U.S. national security panel said on Monday. Mohammed Abd Al Rahman Awn Al-Shamrani, 39, should stay at the U.S. prison in Cuba because he remains a security threat, the Periodic Review Board said in an online posting. **REUTERS**

Militant. Benghazi attack suspect pleads not guilty to murder

Ahmed Abu Khatallah, a Libyan militant accused of participating in the September 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, pleaded not guilty on Monday to 17 new charges related to the attack.

Khatallah appeared at the brief hearing wearing a green prison jumpsuit with his hair trimmed but long beard intact. He did not speak, and his lawyer,

public defender Michelle Peterson, entered the plea on his behalf.

Federal prosecutor Michael DiLorenzo also suggested the government may charge additional defendants in the case. When asked by U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper whether the prosecution would remain a one-defendant case, DiLorenzo said only that the investigation was ongoing. **REUTERS**

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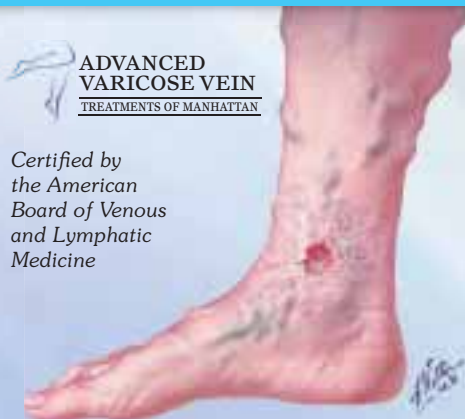
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Missing student case

Virginia police search near where remains found

Authorities searched for clues on Monday across a wide area near where human remains, possibly those of a missing University of Virginia student, were found over the weekend.

Searchers found the remains, which may be those of Hannah Graham, an 18-year-old sophomore, on Saturday in southern Albemarle County. They have been moved to the state medical examiner's office in Richmond for identification.



HANNAH GRAHAM
REUTERS

A spokeswoman for the Albemarle County Police Department said any announcement about the identification would be released through the department. No news briefing has been scheduled.

"We're just not answering any questions now [since the case has become a death investigation]," said county spokesman Carter Johnson. **REUTERS**

Indiana cops believe man in custody is a serial killer



Darren Deon Vann, 43, confessed to one murder and led police to the bodies of six other women in Gary, Indiana. / **REUTERS**

Decades. Police said the victims go back 20 years, and more could surface.

When Hardy did not return from the appointment, a woman who had helped to arrange the encounter went to track her down and found the body.

Once in custody, Vann was cooperative, admitted his involvement in Hardy's murder and led police to the bodies of six other women — all in in abandoned houses in Gary.

"It could go back as far as 20 years based on some statements we have," Doughty said. "It is possible other victims could surface."

Doughty said the victims included Anith Jones, 35, of Merrillville, Teiarrá Batey, 28, of Gary, and Christine Williams, 36, also of Gary. Three other victims have not been identified. **REUTERS**

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"He is giving us descriptions, cooperating and accompanying us to locations." Doughty



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Trial. Pistorius to be sentenced on Tuesday for girlfriend's killing

A judge will sentence Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius on Tuesday for killing his girlfriend after one of the most sensational murder trials in South Africa's history — and the decision could fuel controversy over the state of the country's justice system.

Pistorius was convicted of culpable homicide last month for shooting dead 29-year-old Reeva

Steenkamp at his home in Pretoria in February 2013.

Judge Thokozile Masipa cleared Pistorius of the more serious charge of murder, saying prosecutors had failed to prove his intent to kill when he fired four 9mm rounds through a bathroom door in what he said was the mistaken belief an intruder was lurking behind it. **REUTERS**

William and Kate

Royals say second baby is due in April

The second child of Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate is due to be born in April, his office announced on Monday.

William, grand-

son of Queen Elizabeth and second-in-line to the throne, announced last month that Kate was expecting a second baby to join Prince George, who was born in July last year, but no date for the birth was disclosed at the time. **REUTERS**



US air drops weapons to help Kurds defend against Islamic State militants

Drop. The main Syrian Kurdish group said it had received "a large quantity" of ammo and weapons.

Turkey said on Monday it would allow Iraqi Kurdish fighters to reinforce fellow Kurds in the Syrian town of Kobani on Turkey's border, and the United States air-dropped arms to help the Kurds there resist an Islamic State assault.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Turkey was facilitating the passage of Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga forces, themselves fighting Islamic State in Iraq. He stopped short of saying whether Ankara backed the U.S.



Smoke and flames rise over Syrian town of Kobani after an airstrike, as seen from the Mursitpinar crossing on the Turkish-Syrian border in the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa province. / **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We cannot take our eye off the prize here. It would be irresponsible of us, as well as morally very difficult, to turn your back on a community fighting ISIL." Kerry

air-drop of weapons.

Turkey's refusal to intervene in the fight with Islamic State has frustrated the United States and sparked lethal riots in southeastern Turkey by Kurds furious at Ankara's failure to help Kobani or at least open a land corridor for volunteer fighters and reinforcements to go there. Secretary of State John

Kerry said Washington had asked Ankara to help "get the peshmerga or other groups" into Kobani so they could help defend the town, adding he hoped the Kurds would "take this fight on." The European Union also urged Turkey on Monday to open its border to allow supplies to get through to residents of Kobani. **REUTERS**

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OMG! Cartoon characters pile on the pounds in new illustrations that teach a health lesson



Darth Vader, Snow White and Speed Racer are part of the "The Famous Chunkies" series. / ALEX SOLIS

Cartoon characters don't normally need to worry about calorie counting — Homer Simpson tried and failed — but a new series of pictures shows childhood favorites piling on the pounds. Chicago-based illustrator Alex Solis came up with the "Famous Chunkies" series, featuring the Hulk, Mario and Darth Vader, among others, "to raise awareness about unhealthy eating." Solis talks to Metro about his "unhealthy" art project.

How did you come up with the idea?

Question

Do you eat fast food yourself?

I do eat fast food, but not as often anymore — I try to eat as healthy as possible.

One day, I was watching an episode of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" with my daughter. We kept making fun of them and asking how they are so fast and in shape

when their diet consists mainly of pizza. I felt like it was sending the wrong message to kids, and I noticed a lot of other cartoons did the same thing. At first I started the project with the intention of just creating that one illustration, but [then I] realized that it could be expanded.

How did you pick the characters?

I just pick the ones that I personally want to draw.

What is the message of your artwork?

I realized it was a good



way to raise awareness about unhealthy eating, especially with young kids. It catches their attention quickly, and it's easy to make that connection straight away. At the same time, I'm not trying to make fun of any of the characters: I mostly make drawings for fun and for people to enjoy looking at them.

What topic will your next art project be about?

I plan to draw monsters as babies.

LIUBOV EGOROVA,
METRO WORLD NEWS

Study

Watching movie sex and violence may desensitize parents

Parents may get so accustomed to seeing sex and violence in movies and television that they end up lowering their standards for what kids are allowed to watch, a new report suggests.

In a new study, parents who watched several clips of movie violence in succession became desensitized over time, and they relaxed their standards for what they would allow their

children to see.

In particular, the researchers point out, the violence in PG-13 movies has become more graphic over the last several decades.

"We released a study last November that showed a dramatic increase in violence and in particular gun violence in popular PG-13 movies over the past 10 years," said lead author Daniel Romer of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"There is now actually more gun violence in PG-13 than in R-rated movies," he told Reuters Health by email. **REUTERS**



The filming of the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" took place in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

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Could two college students create a fast Ebola test?

Health. The simple strips are the brainchild of two first-year students.

Two Atlanta college students say they have an idea for a simple test that would quickly diagnose the Ebola virus — and it all started as an extra credit project for their Introduction to Biology class.

Brian Goldstone and Rostam Zafari are both freshmen pre-med students at Emory University. On the first day of class, their professor Rachelle Spell suggested that they research the methods currently used to identify Ebola and see if they could come up with alternate ways to diagnose it.

Emory University Hospital treated two Americans who had contracted the disease while working in Liberia, an event that

inspired Spell to create the assignment.

"I suggested that they think about something that could be used in the field, to essentially design a very effective, safe and cheap test for Ebola," she told the Emory News Center. After some brainstorming, Goldstone and Zafari came up with a plan to develop Rapid Ebola Detection Strips (or REDS) which, if successful, would identify the virus in about an hour. The concept of the test is simple: the strip would change color after a positive blood sample was placed on it. Both students stress the importance of early detection.

"If we can get them before they show symptoms, we can really curb the impact of the virus," says Zafari.



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A U.S. Navy microbiologist tests blood samples at a mobile laboratory in Liberia. / GETTY IMAGES

The goal

Funding

Goldstone and Zafari are currently working on building a prototype of the strips. In September,

the students started a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo to raise money for further research. They successfully met their goal of \$14,500.

Classes



Odds are, these students aren't studying economics.

DIGITAL VISION

New report looks at what students are learning

As a bachelor's degree becomes more expensive than ever, one new report is criticizing colleges for the content of those pricey educations.

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni recently released "What Will They Learn?" — its annual report looking at course offerings.

After examining 1,098 colleges and universities, the council found that only a little over 3 percent of schools require students to take an eco-

By the numbers

Here are some of the things researchers discovered while looking at course catalogs. At public universities:

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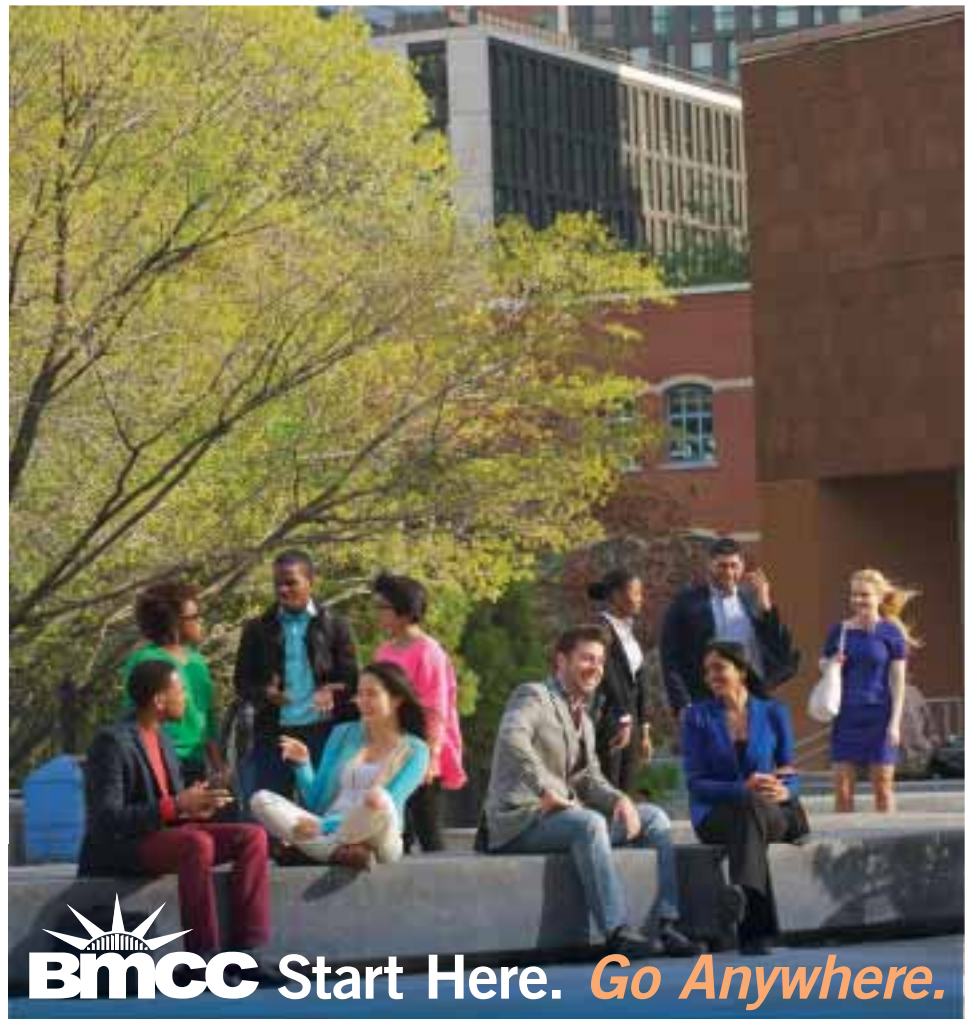
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3 things I learned on a reality show

This past week, my girlfriend and I and six of my top students were on Bravo's "Below Deck." I chartered a 154-foot yacht for three days and treated everyone to what I thought would be a luxurious and fun experience. Here are three lessons from my miscalculation:

Lesson No. 1: Reality shows don't depict reality

I thought it'd be amazing to trade aboard with my students and have some romantic alone time with my girlfriend. Even though both

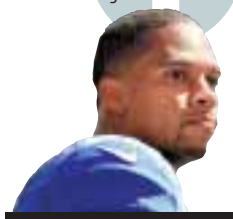
activities went perfectly in real life, the TV show depicts them as disasters.

I made \$70,000 on my yacht trade and was sure they'd show some or all of it because it was pretty dramatic. Instead, the producers focused on my complaining about the lack of Internet — which did make the trade a little tricky — and made it seem like I didn't make any money.

Lesson No. 2: There's no such thing as bad press

This isn't my first or last reality show, and no matter how

New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz might be injured for the season, but I love his post-surgery upbeat attitude in his latest Instagram video.



Airlines still don't seem to realize the risks of Ebola, as we keep hearing of more Ebola patients who have flown and risked infecting others.

each one turns out, more people discover me, my story and my niche trading strategy. In a noisy world you must do everything possible to get the word out about yourself and your expertise.

Lesson No. 3: Lose some battles to win the war

The biggest reason the TV show ripped on me is because I "only" tipped the "Below Deck" crew \$17,000, roughly 25 percent, instead of the full \$22,000 I had planned on tipping them had they given me the service I was expecting.

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I was right in principle, as tips should be based on service. But because this was being filmed, I should've sucked it up and been overly generous to make the crew happy and not want to talk badly about me in their post-trip interviews. It was my bad for being frugal and realistic when I got myself into this situation and should've realized the consequences of my actions.

These served as good lessons for me. Too bad there's no reality show guru who could've mentored me beforehand!

What Sykes is thinking about this week

Stealth augmented reality startup Magic Leap just raised \$500 million in an investment round led by Google. Big things are coming for Google Glass!



Despite all the fears, Ebola really isn't spreading as fast as some people thought, thank God!



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Twitter feed

Today, Liam Payne has been tying one on, Patton Oswalt is tying every thing back to "Pretty in Pink," Ricky Gervais has some tips for life and Seth Rogen is feeling left out.

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Feeling a little hung over

@pattonoswalt
Andie should've picked Duckie. It's where the 80's went wrong. It led to George W. Bush & 9/11.

@rickygervais
It's better to create something that others criticise than to create nothing and criticise others. Play nice everyone. & have a great day :)

@Sethrogen
What does a guy gotta do to be cast in a g—damn Nicholas Sparks movie already?



PERHAPS THE ONLY RECENT PIC OF MILEY CYRUS KEEPING HER TONGUE IN HER MOUTH WAS TAKEN WHEN ARIANA GRANDE SHOWED HER AFFECTION AT THE VMAS IN AUGUST.

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Will Cyrus be Grande's new life coach?

It's tough being a Disney Channel alum-turned-international pop star, mostly because there are so few people who really get what you're going through. Case in point: When Ariana Grande found herself feeling overwhelmed by nasty reports that she'd been caught swearing at her fans and that her life coach had up and quit on her, she had nowhere

else to turn but Miley Cyrus. "I was upset and I contacted Miley. I said, 'Miley, I'm so sad — what do I do? This isn't true. My heart is broken, I feel so bad,'" Grande tells the Daily Mirror. "She was like, 'Girl, don't even look at it. Just be happy that you're blessed. You have family and friends that love you, you have fans that love you who know what's true and what's not. It will blow over and tomorrow they'll be talking about something else.'" I'm going to go ahead and assume Cyrus delivered this advice while lying spread-eagle on the hood of a car, tongue sticking out, but still: It looks like Grande has already found a new life coach.

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Jessica Alba can make an Honest living

Jessica Alba needn't worry about her acting career, and not just because of the tepid response to that "Sin City" sequel a couple of months ago. Alba's eco-friendly lifestyle brand, The Honest Co., is gearing up to go public with a valuation just under \$1 billion, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The firm was launched in 2012, employs more than 200 people in its Santa Monica office and is estimated to bring in more than \$150 million in revenue this year. Not too shabby.

How to get away with murdering your Twitter rep: Mess with Rhimes

Don't go on Twitter to complain to Shonda Rhimes about gay love scenes on the shows she produces, because she will respond. And she has more followers than you. A viewer named Dina Abdel Hakiem (925 followers) is getting more attention than she probably expected after tweeting to Rhimes (737,000 followers): "The gay scenes on 'Scandal' and 'How to Get

Away with Murder' are too much. There is no point and they add nothing." Rhimes responded with a pair of tweets, starting with the simple, "There are no gay scenes. There are scenes with people in them." But apparently that wasn't enough, so she added, "If you use the phrase 'gay scenes,' you are not only late to the party but also not invited to the party."

Evan Rachel Wood still wants to discuss 2003

Speaking of 2003: Remember that pink Vanity Fair "It's totally raining teens" cover? Evan Rachel Wood still does. A fan on Twitter posted the a copy of the cover — featuring Wood alongside such young Hollywood luminaries of the time as Amanda Bynes, Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, Mandy Moore, Hilary Duff, Alexis Bledel, Raven-Symone and Lindsay Lohan — with the caption, "Never forget." And apparently that's not a problem for Wood, as the posting prompted her to go on a bit of a Twitter tirade about the experience. "I was almost in tears after this shoot," she writes. "They tried that dress on me, I wasn't comfortable but they told me there was



Evan Rachel Wood, third from right, did not like wearing those heels. / VANITY FAIR

no time 'cause everyone else took up too much time with their fittings. Then I was given a choice of whether I wanted to wear flats or heels. I chose flats and was immediately

handed heels and told they looked better. ... I was 15 and felt for the first time my identity being erased and the pressure to shut up and do what you are told. I felt like meat."

Let's talk about that infamous VMAs kiss

More than a decade ago, Madonna shocked MTV viewers by locking lips with Britney Spears (and Christina Aguilera) during the 2003 VMAs — which might not seem like news, but Spears' longtime manager, Larry Rudolph, feels like reminiscing. And you may be surprised to learn that the lip-lock was completely planned.

Rehearsed, even. "Madonna had been very, very, very rigid about the rehearsals," Rudolph tells Billboard. The nerve, right? "She would never address me by name. She would just say, 'You make sure Britney's here tomorrow at 10 o'clock.'" After it went off successfully, Rudolph found himself in an elevator with Madge herself. "And



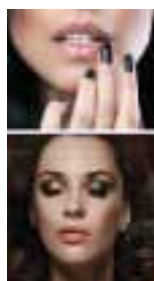
There was likely only tongue involved because (gasp!) it was rehearsed. Miley and Ariana, let this be a lesson to you two
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she said, 'You see, Larry? It was all worth it.'" And she gave him a big (but less photographed) kiss.

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Nostalgia. “The Wonder Years” star Danica McKellar looks back on the show as it finally comes out on DVD.

Danica McKellar was 13 when she started “The Wonder Years,” the nostalgic show that followed Kevin Arnold (Fred Savage), a boy living in a 1968 American suburb, over six seasons. Since then she’s become a mathlete and an author of best-selling math books for teens. But she’s still pestered for playing Winnie Cooper, Kevin’s on-again-off-again gal pal.

She’s talking about it again, this time for its first-ever, very truant official DVD release. The show has stayed off shelves due to music rights issues; when it hit Netflix Instant, many of the songs — including the Joe Cocker one that iconically ran over the credits — had to be swapped out for replacements and sound-alikes.

How has it stayed so popular? “From my perspective, it was the first show that really honored the strength and the emotions kids have at such a young age. Most TV shows up to that point were all about parents,” McKellar explains.

“It got into the mind and a heart of a small child,” she says. “We all have such huge emotions and the world doesn’t re-

ally honor them in the same way they honor adult feelings, because they’re just kids. You’re not in control of your own life yet. You can’t make your own decisions. We all have memories of those painful early years and the elation of those early years. The show honored these huge, strong emotions and said, “These are valid, this is real, this happened.”

The writing staff would even use things McKellar and Savage would say to each other when cameras weren’t rolling. She was surprised to find one episode dedicated to the “Do you ‘like’ him, or do you ‘like like’ him?” question — something she had been saying.



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Terrible thoughts

So this is depressing

When it premiered in 1988, “The Wonder Years” was looking on a time 20 years prior. Today when we look back on “The Wonder

Years,” we’re looking back 26 years. Even worse: In “Back to the Future,” Marty McFly time travels 30 years, from 1985 to 1955. Next year, the same time gap separates us from 1985.

This scene from “The Wonder Years” with Fred Savage and Danica McKellar happened 26 years ago. / TIME LIFE

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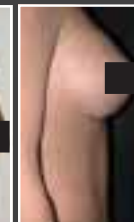
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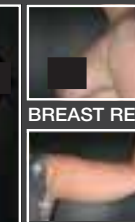
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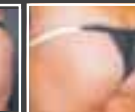
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Interview.

The director of "Anchorman" tried to find a fun way to talk about income inequality.

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"Anchorman" director and Funny or Die co-founder Adam McKay has a thing for being entertaining. So for his entry in Morgan Spurlock's massive, ambitious anthology project "We the Economy" — 20

short films that aim to help everyday viewers better understand economic issues — McKay decided to tackle the issue of income inequality by making a "My Little Pony" parody, roping in the vocal talents of Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph and Sarah Silverman. He just hopes the Bronies are watching.

So when you think 'income inequality,' the first thing that pops into your head is 'My Little Pony'?

We were just trying to find a way that had energy, had color, had laughs and at the same time, a bunch of information. My 9-year-old and 14-year-old daughters had been watching "My Little Pony" like crazy



Director Adam McKay contributed a "My Little Pony" sketch to the anthology series "We the Economy," which starts streaming today at www.wetheeconomy.com. / PROVIDED

Strange culture

Bronies

How familiar are you with Brony culture?

I didn't know anything about it. I started to do the movie and people kept mentioning it to me, so I went and looked up the documentary ["A Brony Tale"]. That is a fascinating world. If any work I ever do intersects with the Brony subculture, I will be very proud.

around the house and I'd been hearing the kind of aggressive optimism of that show and those cheery voices, and I thought, that's kind of hilarious, because that's how we all sort of walk into the economy anyway. We all think, "Oh, it's America!" I can be whatever I want to be, and then we all get slapped and shoved down a bit. So I thought a parody of "My Little Pony" was a perfect vehicle for that.

Income inequality has become a very front-and-center topic recently.

It's really, really extreme in the U.S. Fifty percent of all the wealth going to the top 1 percent, and 80 percent of the American public gaining no wealth whatsoever over the last 30 years. ... In any economy you're going to have some people doing slightly better than others, and that's fine, but when you have a very small amount doing titanicly better than a large majority, it creates major problems.



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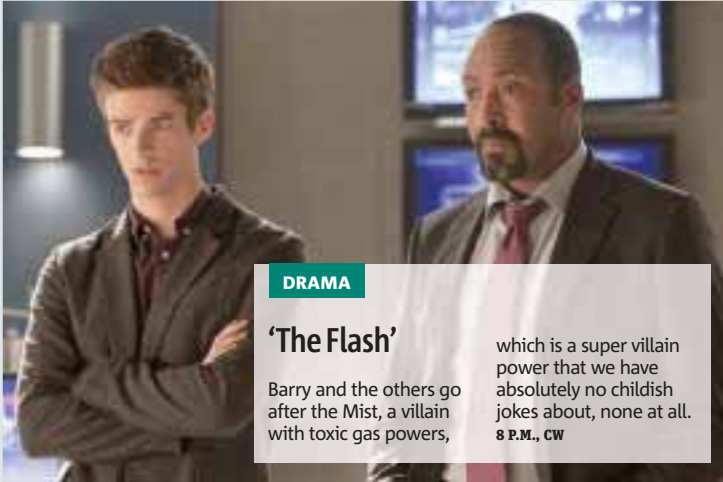
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which is a super villain power that we have absolutely no childish jokes about, none at all.
8 P.M., CW

One mystery is how the Flash's hair is always so tall when he wears that hood over it all the time. / JACK ROWLAND, THE CW

DRAMA

'NCIS'

After Gibbs sees a body floating at sea during a training exercise, he boards the man's ship to figure out what happened, only to discover that pirates have taken it over. 8 P.M., CBS

SPORTS

World Series Game One

Hey, there's still baseball happening! Take a break from the NFL and watch the Royals take on the Giants in the first game of the World Series.
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Sophie Kinsella talks feminism and the return of 'Shopaholic'



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When Sophie Kinsella released her first book in 2003, "Confessions of a Shopaholic," "chick-lit" was a new genre. The story about romance, shopping sprees and friendship resonated with readers worldwide and even spawned a movie starring Isla Fisher and Hugh Dancy. Kinsella's seventh novel in the series, out today, is her first in four years; it has been 11 years since the first "Shopaholic" book. We talk to her about the book's deeper themes and how writing for women has changed over time.

"Shopaholic to the Stars" is definitely a fun read, but there is a deeper theme of how women's work is valued versus their husbands' work. Is this a discussion you wanted to spark for readers?

I never write any scenes deliberately to provoke discussion, but I do try to reflect reality as I see it. The struggle for any family to balance its breadwinning and parenting needs is definitely a big issue of today. Becky and Luke have a very real dilemma: They want to support each other and follow their individual ambitions but remain a tight family unit. It's a tough ask and I

don't think there are any easy answers.

Has writing about Becky changed since the first book came out?

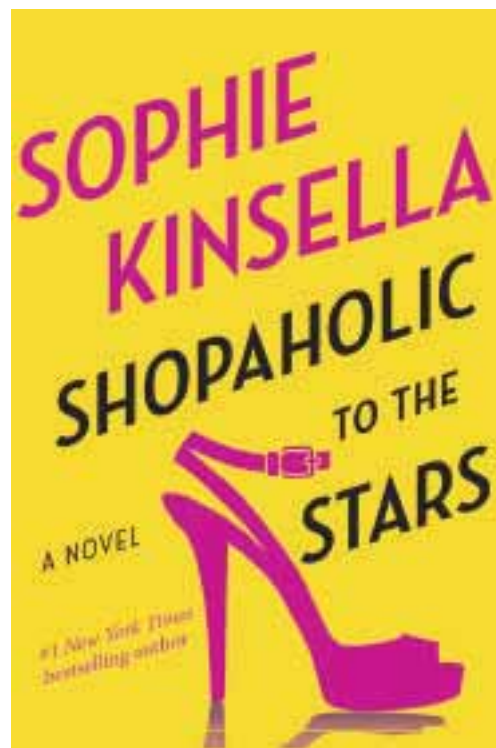
When I started writing the first "Shopaholic" book, debt was not the topical subject it is today — in fact, I feel like I was ahead of the curve! ... The financial crisis shook us all up, and it was weirdly satisfying writing Becky's response to it in "Mini Shopaholic." I think the world has been through its own shopaholic journey. We're all a bit wiser now — and Becky is, too.

You were one of the first authors whose books were labeled "chick lit." Was that a label you embraced?

I'm fairly relaxed about the phrase "chick lit," partly because it's so nebulous. What does it even mean, exactly? But I do think it's a shame to categorize a readership as all-female before you even begin. I know I have some male readers, even if they hide the books behind sports magazines! So I'd prefer "romantic comedy" or the label I saw in a bookshop once: "wit lit."

Has the way you write to women or anything about the book market changed over time?

When I write, I don't really think about "writing to women" or the book market. I think that would distract me, and anyway,



I don't believe in trying to second-guess readers or markets. I just tell a story, in the best way I can, trying to write the book that I'd love to read myself. I haven't deliberately changed my style, although I have obviously noticed trends coming and going around me. (No, I am not planning a "50 Shades of Shopaholic"!)



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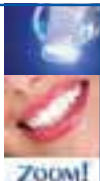
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The Horrors: 'Quite happy being odd'



The Horrors are, from left, drummer Joe Spurgeon, bassist Rhys Webb, keyboardist Tom Cowan, guitarist Joshua Hayward and Badwan. / NIC SHONFELD

Live at CMJ. Singer Faris Badwan has kept a diary since he was 3 and says he doesn't sleep, but the vocalist says he's content to be kooky.

Faris Badwan resembles a gangly effete character out of a Tim Burton movie. He's emaciated in the troubled artist sense — long sinuous limbs, a mop of fashionably disheveled hair and he's almost unhealthily pale. When we meet him at the Reading Festival in England, he awkwardly stoops his neck when talking.

The lead singer of The Horrors is quite witty, perhaps the reason the garage-punk five-piece (Badwan, Tom Cowan, Joshua Hayward, Joseph Spurgeon and Rhys Webb) have survived and flourished in a fickle industry that has seen most of their

contemporaries disappear. Their latest album, "Luminous," is another stylistic hop, this time into psychedelia, which 28-year-old Badwan believes is going down well because "we're not trying to remake the same record every time and we've got more scope — it sounds like a new start."

You're often described by the media as "odd." Is this an image that you cultivate?

Do they? If being in The Horrors means being odd, then I'm quite happy being odd, thank you. When we started, we were into garage music and that's just part of it. Like if you're into hip-hop you end up falling in with people with similar interests.

You had a bit of a moment on tour where you were left behind by your bandmates. What happened?

I got off the bus at 3 a.m. without my phone. So I had to buy a phone and

Where they record

The studio of Horrors

"There are no windows but high ceilings — it could be anywhere or on the moon. It's not really a product of its environment. There's a healthy supply of mice, so if it got tough we could eat them. It's good to have a bit of desperation, that keeps you on your toes."

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I could only remember one phone number. It was some office number so no one would be in there for another few hours. I ended up reading the whole of "The Hunger Games" and walked down the freeway.

Are you a prolific reader?
I suppose, but it's not the most challenging subject matter, although I did like the films. I caught up with the tour bus at 2 p.m. the next day. It was a long trip.

You must have been exhausted.
It's funny, I don't really sleep.

You keep a diary. Are you one day going to publish its contents?

I don't want to put the others on edge and say "yes." It's more of a visual diary. I recently lost this

year's sketchbook, which has never happened before and I've kept them since I was 3. I managed to leave it in a taxi so I've been delayed somewhat, but next year I will be doing paintings again.

Your family is from Palestine. Do you get involved in any politics?
I think it's difficult because I think there is such a big temptation for musicians and their egos to get involved with things that they shouldn't. Being Palestinian and not having a pathological hatred for Jews might be a view worth sharing. The anti-Semitism is ridiculous.

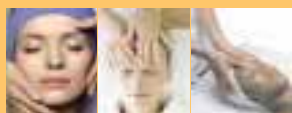


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The battle of the Belgium waffle

Local flavor. Watch what you call the sweet treat when dining abroad.

Whatever you do, don't ask for a "Belgian waffle."

There's no one waffle in Belgium, and in a few cities, the local version is a source of civic pride. So assuming that to taste one waffle is to taste them all might just offend. And don't go looking for one at breakfast time; it's more of a midday treat.

The two best-known variants are the Brussels waffle and the Liege waffle, and the two cities, located about an hour apart, maintain a long-standing rivalry. The rectangular Brussels waffle has a crispy, golden coating, while the rough-edged Liege version is sweeter, richer and chewier.

You can find the Brussels pastry everywhere in the city, where waffle joints alternate with beer shops, chocolatiers and frites stands (an even more sensitive issue than the waffles — never refer to them as "French fries"). They're especially prominent as you close in on the narrow streets leading to the infamous Manneken Pis, the bronze fountain featuring a urinating boy that has become a cheeky icon for the city.



You'll find fewer tourists in French-speaking Liege. / MARC VERPOORTEN



The Liege "gaufre" is sweeter than the Brussels version. / JEAN-PAUL REMY



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Meatballs and gin

In Liege

Liege is the largest city in Wallonia, Belgium's French-speaking southern section, but it's a much quieter, less touristy locale with attractions running more to historic churches and the Sunday La Batte market, the country's largest and oldest market, where you can find everything from local delicacies to live poultry to knock-off "Gangnam

Style" toys (yes, still).

Aside from the waffles, Liege also boasts its trademark meatballs in syrup, made with peket, a local gin variant that can be tried in a host of flavors at "La Maison du Peket." On a bench outside the restaurant, visitors can sit next to a statue of fedora-clad favorite son Georges Simenon, creator of the fictional detective Jules

Maigret.

To walk off the waffles, meatballs and peket, stroll the Coteaux de la Citadelle, a winding walk along the 13th-century defensive walls that provides panoramic views of the Meuse River winding through the city.



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Take a vacation. Fodor's Travel names the top 100 hotels for 2014



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Planning a winter getaway? The experts at Fodor's Travel recently revealed the top 100 hotels in the world for 2014, selecting properties in 43 countries. Here are three that made the list, for when you're dreaming of romantic Paris, balmy Palm Beach or scenic Rhode Island.

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Le Royal Monceau Raffles Paris

Paris, France
The glamorous Royal Monceau Raffles offers luxury along with a hefty dose of cool. The

decor mixes contemporary artwork with burnished wood finishes, glittering chandeliers and quirky accents, such as acoustic guitars. The hotel includes two Michelin-starred restaurants, a bookstore, an art gallery, a cigar bar, a boutique and the largest hotel pool in Paris.

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Do-it-yourself kids' Halloween costume ideas

Getting creative. See six costumes you can easily make at home — for cheap!

If you're a parent, chances are your child can't contain his or her excitement for Halloween. Running errands turns into luring your kids away from the "Frozen" and vampire costumes and steering clear of the candy aisle. If your child wants a truly

original costume, it takes some DIY skills. But you don't have to be Martha Stewart for your son or daughter to have a cute, homemade costume. Here are some ideas sent in by creative Metro readers.

Tweet or Instagram your kids in costume tagging @MetroNewYork and you may see your child in the paper.



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Lego and cotton candy costumes

For the Lego costume, use a box that is about the length of your child's torso — it should end right below the waist so kids can still bend their knees. Cut holes big enough for the head and shoulders, legs and each arm. Have your child help either paint the box or use colored duct tape to cover it entirely. Glue Solo cups down to

form the pegs and tape down the original box openings.

For the cotton candy costume, spray paint pillow stuffing all over so it turns pink. Hot-glue it all over a similar-colored shirt and sweatpants — front and back.



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Choo-choo train costume

For this costume, you'll need one long box, one small box, colored construction paper, aluminum foil and a party cup for the chimney. Connect the two boxes using clear packing tape.



Chicken Little costume

To DIY this adorable little chick costume, you'll need a few yellow boas. Hot glue them around a sweatshirt and sweatpants and your cutie is ready to rake in the candy!



iPod costume

The iPod has become a classic Halloween costume. You'll need a box, red and gray paint, poster board, glue and scissors. Cut holes in the

box for your child's head and arms. Paint the box red. Make the circular dial with the poster board and use the gray paint to make the Apple logo and button dials. Glue the poster board cut-outs to the box.

Lobster baby costume

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How the city's first charter school is measuring up

Education. "A Light Shines in Harlem" talks about the early days of New York's first charter school and how it's doing now.

Few things get New York City parents as heated as a conversation about the school system. People want what's best for their kids and, given that not all schools are created equal, stress understandably ensues. The new book "A Light Shines in Harlem" documents the struggles and triumphs of the city's first charter school, which opened in 1999 as a reaction to Harlem's failing school system.

"The charter school movement celebrated its

15th anniversary this fall and it is kind of unbelievable how much things have changed," author Mary C. Bounds tells us. "Right before the [Charter Schools Act] passed in 1998, there was a major report that came out classifying huge parts of the city as being 'educational dead zones' where the schools were failing. So that's what parents were up against and why they've supported charter schools so enthusiastically."

The success of New York's first charter school, Sisulu-Walker, was especially crucial to the charter school movement, but the odds were stacked against it. "There were only 12 weeks to open the school after the law passed," she explains. "That included hiring the staff, having all the furnishings

and textbooks [and] having food services."

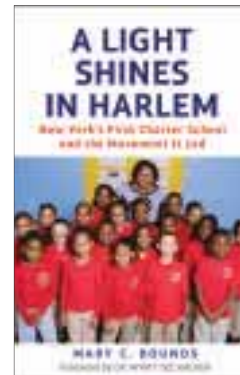
Sisulu-Walker's co-founders have vastly different backgrounds. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker was Dr. Martin Luther King's chief of staff and he moved to Harlem to pastor a Baptist church. Walker tackled Harlem's problems one by one, building low-income housing and housing for the elderly.

"Early on, he recognized that education was the unfinished piece of his work and was calling it the civil rights issue of the 21st century," Bounds says.

His counterpart Steve Klinsky was a wealthy Wall Street investor. After witnessing the astounding success of an after-school program he started in his late brother's name, Klinsky decided that creating a school with the same fundamentals was the next step. Once the charter school law passed in 1998, he had his opportunity.

Despite the many roadblocks — including that the law does not require public funding to cover facilities funding — Sisulu-Walker didn't just succeed, it thrived, paving the way for more charter schools to open in the city.

Now there are 83,000 charter



schools in New York City, about 7.5 percent of the public school population. Roughly 50,000 children are on the waiting list. Regardless of need, there is a cap on how many charter schools are allowed to open.

"A Light Shines in Harlem" highlights the success charter school students go on to have, typically earning high grades and test scores that secure them spots in some of the city's best public high schools. Given this success rate, Bounds says many people believe those caps on the number of schools "should be abolished. ... There's clearly a need for it."



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♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.

Organization will enable you to attain a lucrative position. Your ability to make valuable contributions will be recognized.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.

You are viewing the world around you unrealistically. Listen to the advice of those who know the score.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.

Proceed with caution when dealing with money, health or legal matters. Don't get involved in other people's investment strategies.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.

Invest in the projects you believe in. Positive changes can be made if you are honest about your strengths and weaknesses.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.

Compromise if you are to get a partnership back on track. A quick response to negative issues will soon put things right.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.

If asked to defend a friend, make sure that you have your facts in order so that you can help his or her case.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.

Keep your professional reputation intact. Someone is trying to lead you astray. You must keep your cool if you want to come out ahead.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.

Do something nice for a friend, a relative, yourself. Favorable solutions that will alleviate your current worries will develop.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.

Steer away from troubles at home. Taking sides or getting caught in someone else's argument will lead to an intense no-win situation.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.

Make the most of your helpful nature. You can always be counted on to give a little extra help where and when it is needed.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.

Better opportunities are available to you, so don't settle for less. Your talents are more valuable than you realize. Give your all.

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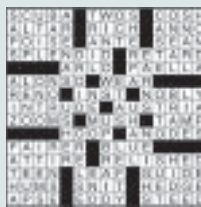
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Yesterday's answer



Letters

US has many incentives to stop Ebola

Our government and medical officials felt compelled, early on, to allay fear in our general population by touting the superiority and preparedness of our medical facilities and staff, which precluded any possibility of an Ebola outbreak happening here.

Even with the early missteps, that original message of safety and survival continues and must be very attractive to people in Ebola-infected areas.

We have attracted others here with jobs and freedom. We should not be surprised when people from infected areas travel here to escape the likelihood of

having themselves and their families ravished by a deadly epidemic.

That potential exodus is reason enough for the international community, particularly the highly industrialized western nations, to accelerate its medical assistance.

GLENN HAYES, VIA EMAIL

Re: 'Ebola facts will have to wait until after election' (Metro, Oct. 17-19)

Letter writer Kevin Metz seems to believe that whoever wins the Senate will make a difference in the Ebola crisis; unfortunately, this is not true. How can an election have anything to do with a virus?

GERALD LARKE, VIA EMAIL

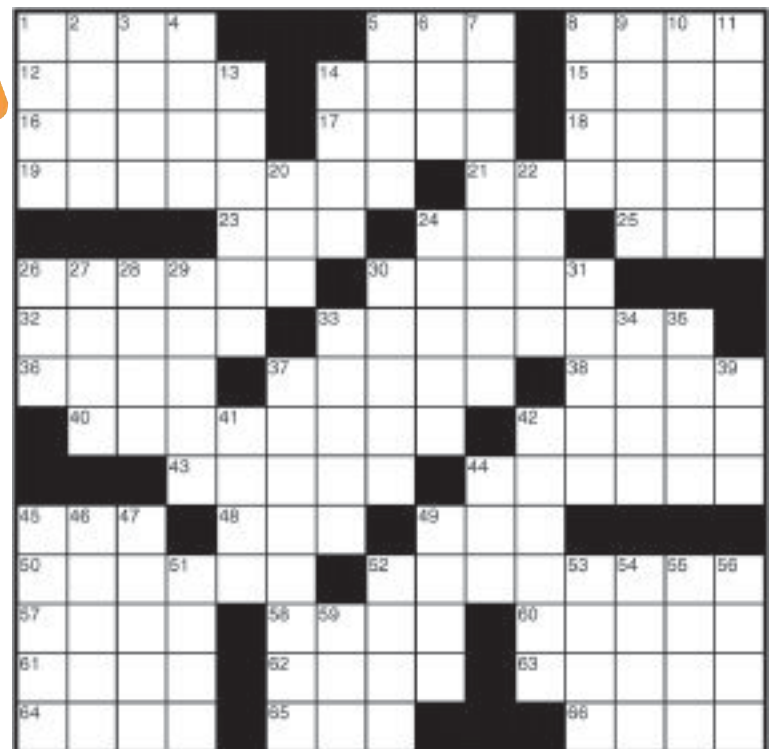
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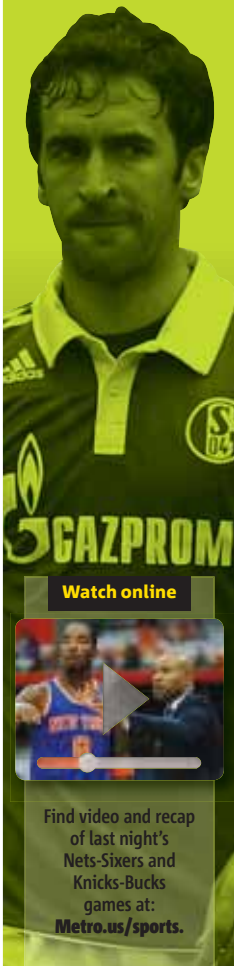
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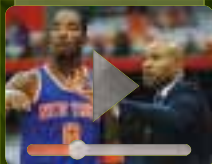
Spanish legend joins Cosmos

He may be over the hill in Europe, but Spanish legend Raul will be clinging to some past glory in the U.S. The 37-year-old striker has signed with the New York Cosmos of the second-tier NASL, according to reports.

Raul holds the all-time record for Champions League goals with 71 and is second all-time in goals for Spain (44).



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Giacomini: Harvin not a problem, fight minor

NFL. The former (and now current) teammate of Percy Harvin says the media is blowing up past issues.

According to Jets right tackle Breno Giacomini, the fight between Golden Tate and Percy Harvin during Super Bowl week was over by the time the offensive lineman turned around from his locker.

Giacomini gives the trade last week that netted Harvin as the newest Jet a passing grade, saying, "He's gonna help us win some games." He also has no concerns about Harvin's character.

"He's been a great teammate when he was back in Seattle. He is a great teammate now," Giacomini told us. "I think the media is blowing this out of proportion. Those things happen in a locker room. I've been in fights before. It's a competitive locker room there — like it is here. Those things happen there, everywhere really. It just doesn't get blow up like this."

Giacomini was a teammate of Harvin last year



Tackle Breno Giacomini has no concerns about Percy Harvin fitting into the Jets' locker room from a personality standpoint. / GETTY IMAGES



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with the Super Bowl-winning Seahawks and got to know him on and off the field. He throws out superlatives such as "great guy" and "winner" when talking about the wide receiver.

Since being traded to the Jets, leaks from the Seahawks locker room have painted Harvin as a malcontent and troublemaker.

Giacomini can only shake his head.

"Zero, zero concern. Guys moved on from it there," Giacomini said. "That's what happens, you move on. It really didn't seem to bother us that much? Way too much is being made out of this."

He told us he keeps in contact with his former

teammates in Seattle, and no one sounded any concern over Harvin fitting in with what is now a pretty serious Jets locker room.

Friday's trade is the second time Harvin has been traded in his six-year NFL career. The Jets traded to help upgrade a total offense which is No. 19 in the NFL. But they also got someone who now is clouded in controversy.

The altercation during Super Bowl week occurred at the Giants training facility on the day the Seahawks took their team photo. Giacomini was in the locker room at the time and had his back turned to what would become a fight between Tate and Harvin.

By the time he had turned around, he says everything had cleared up.

"They settled it. They got together and they settled it," Giacomini said. "We went off and took the team photo then. Everyone was smiling. Why? Because it wasn't a big deal."

"We got a playmaker and a great teammate in this trade. I've got no worries at all. I'm glad he's got the locker next to me. He's going to fit right in here."



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Harvin adds sizzle to weak passing attack

The Jets' trade for Percy Harvin may have an air of desperation on the surface, but at 1-6 this season is hanging only by a thread.

Character issues aside, Harvin brings speed and talent to the Jets. He becomes the biggest home run threat among their receiving corps and adds some serious spice to their offense as a whole.

"Anytime that we have a chance, our premise will always be if there is a chance to improve our team — no matter what time of year, whether it

be in early- to mid-October or early- to mid-April — we're going to do it," general manager John Idzik said. "When this chance presented itself, we felt like we wanted to take advantage of it. Percy could come in here and help our squad."

Harvin's career to date has shown a player with a

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"From a defensive standpoint, clearly you're going to think twice about [stacking the box]."

Rex Ryan, head coach
On the addition of Percy Harvin to the offense

tendency for injuries, but also one who is dynamic with the ball in his hands. In Seattle, his numbers slipped in an offense geared toward patiently moving the ball down the field. Harvin could thrive in the Jets' West Coast offense.

The offense, under second-year quarterback Geno Smith, has struggled. They rank 26th in total offense and 28th in scoring offense. And Smith hasn't taken a big step from his rookie campaign as the Jets average just 2.1 yards per game more in the passing offense than last year.



PERCY HARVIN WILL BE USED ON KICK RETURNS, RYAN SAID.
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They are second-to-last in the NFL in passing yards per game, ahead of only Minnesota with rookie QB Teddy Bridgewater. A lot of the blame has fallen on the lack of weapons, but the Jets still need the erratic Smith to deliver Harvin the ball.

"Pure speed. The guy's fast. He has great hands and runs good routes," Smith said. "We got to get him caught up to speed with the offense and we're putting things together for him. He's a dynamic player. He's a great player. We're lucky to have him." KRISTIAN DYER

'We've got to regroup' during bye: Pierre-Paul

NFL. The Giants are limping into their bye, but everyone on the team is still focusing on turning things around.

The Giants are going streaking heading into their Week 8 bye — but in the wrong direction.

Following Sunday's 31-21 loss to the Dallas Cowboys (6-1), New York has lost two straight contests after winning their three previous games. Physically and mentally, it seems like the bye is coming at just the right time.

"We've got to regroup and figure out what went wrong," said defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul. "When we come back, we want to be a great team."

Despite being blistered by Cowboys wide-out Dez Bryant to the tune of nine catches for 151 yards, cornerback Prince Amukamara noted the mindset of Big Blue and its fan base shouldn't be too far in the dumps, as they're still well within striking distance of the division's elite.

"I think the original reaction is to panic, but

Health report



RASHAD JENNINGS HAS BEEN MISSED ON OFFENSE.

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Beason X-rays negative, Jennings plans return

The Giants could let out a sigh of relief Monday after X-rays came back negative on linebacker Jon Beason's toe.

Beason left the game Sunday and didn't return with an injury to the foot he broke in the offseason. However, the team is still taking a cautious approach and have yet to say whether Beason will be ready after the bye.

Running back Rashad Jennings, however, said he has every intention to return from a knee injury against the Colts.

"I am full of hope," head coach Tom Coughlin said of Jennings.

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we shouldn't," said Amukamara said. "I think this team is sticking together. We have nine games left and nobody wins this division in October."

During this week hiatus, Giants head coach Tom Coughlin is hoping his team can regroup and find a way to get back to its winning ways.

He thought the Cowboys game would've been the elixir following the Eagles debacle, so maybe the beating in Dallas will finally give them a jolt.

"I asked them after the Philadelphia game, 'How much motivation do you need after a game like we played there?'" said Coughlin. "I thought we'd come out ready [against Dallas]. I thought we were determined to make up for that, but we didn't. It was too little and just not enough. ... We need to find a way to shore up some things [and] find a way to be able to hang on to the football. I am concerned with playing better football."

The Giants now have a full week to lick their wounds and find a way to play better football. But if they don't, the stench of losing will emanate at the end of this season as opposed to the losing streak that doomed them at the



Jason Pierre-Paul and Johnathan Hankins would like to get back to their dancing ways soon. / GETTY IMAGES

start of last year's marred campaign.

Coughlin probably didn't want to sound too gloomy about the Giants' second-half prospects. He quickly added the season is far from lost.

"There's still a lot of season to go," Coughlin said. "We have nine games remaining and we can turn this around. But we have to focus and concentrate and find out where the problems are."

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Remaining schedule

The combined record of the Giants' remaining nine opponents is 30-30.

- Nov. 3 — vs. Colts (5-2) The Giants haven't played the Colts with Andrew Luck.
- Nov. 9 — at Seahawks (3-3) The defending champs have lost two straight to Dallas and St. Louis.
- Nov. 16 — vs. 49ers (4-3) The Niners will have Aldon Smith back from suspension.
- Nov. 23 — vs. Dallas (6-1) Dallas leads the NFC East by three games over New York.
- Nov. 30 — at Jaguars (1-6) The Jags won their first game Sunday against Cleveland.
- Dec. 7 — at Titans (2-5) The Titans are 1-5 since winning at the Chiefs in Week 1.
- Dec. 14 — vs. Redskins (2-5) The Skins benched QB Kirk Cousins this week.
- Dec. 21 — at Rams (2-4) Austin Davis led the Rams to an upset of Seattle.
- Dec. 28 — vs. Eagles (5-1) The Giants look for revenge for a shutout two weeks ago.

By the numbers

3.1

Andre Williams is averaging only 3.1 yards per carry this season, though he has increased that to 3.7 yards per carry with Rashad Jennings out.

64.9

Eli Manning has some work to do if he's going to reach the 70 percent completion number his QB coach wanted during preseason, but his current percentage of 64.9 is easily the best of his career.

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of 869 CVW PROPERTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on July 17, 2014
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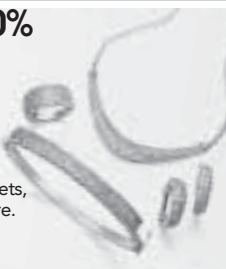
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